



"THE HARVEST TRULY IS GREAT BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW"

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OPEN THE DOOR

Open the door, let in the sun;
He hath a smile for everyone;
He hath made of the raindrops gold and gems:
He may change our tears to diadems—
Open the door!

Open the door of the soul; let in
Strong, pure thoughts which will banish sin;
They will grow and bloom with a grace divine;
And their fruit shall be sweeter than that of the vine.
Open the door.

Open the door of the heart; let in
Sympathy sweet for the stranger and kin;
It will make the halls of the heart so fair
That angels may enter unaware—
Open the door!

MINISTERS' READING COURSE

PART I—RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

LESSON IV

Readings:—

John 12: 47-48; Acts 13: 46; Matt. 25: 41; Rev. 21: 8.

QUESTIONS AND PROBLEMS

27. What is the attitude of the author of Christianity towards those who do not believe his word?

28. Prove that life and death are placed before all men with the privilege of choosing.

29. Prove that some deliberately choose death.

30. For whom is the lake of fire prepared?

31. Then when men "count" themselves "unworthy of eternal life," and thereby choose a death that was prepared for someone else, what is proven as to the principle of liberty? *Answer.* That God set at liberty the captives, and granted them a new chance to choose.

32. When Adam had been overcome of Satan how did God set him free? Gen. 3: 15.

33. When Adam and some of his descendants chose the way of life, how did Satan endeavor to overthrow the plan of God? Gen. 4: 8; 10: 8-10; 11: 4-9.

34. Prove that God ordained, ordered, instituted, or commanded governments in order to restrain those evil men who were moved by Satan to destroy God's children, and hinder this liberty of learning about and choosing God's plan of salvation.

35. Prove that God has his way among the nations, and "setteth over them" whomsoever he will.

36. What definite positive bounds has God set limiting the authority and jurisdiction of those powers? Matt. 22: 21. J. G. LAMSON.

BUILDING ON THE TRUE FOUNDATION

MRS. E. G. WHITE

"Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine," Christ said, "and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."

The great work of parents and teachers is character building, to seek to restore the image of Christ in those who are placed under their care. A knowledge of the sciences sinks into insignificance beside this great aim, but all true education may be made to help in the development of righteous character. The formation of character is the work of a lifetime, and it is for eternity. If all could realize this, if we would awaken to the fact that we are individually deciding our own destiny and the destinies of our children for eternal life or eternal ruin, what a change would take

place! How differently would our probationary time be occupied, and what different characters would fill our world!

The question that should come home to each of us is, "Upon what foundation am I building?" We have the privilege of striving for immortal life; and it is of the greatest importance that we dig deep, removing all the rubbish, and build on the immovable solid rock, Christ Jesus. He is the sure foundation. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." In him alone is our salvation. "There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

The foundation firmly laid, we need wisdom that we may know how to build. When Moses was about to erect the sanctuary in the wilderness, he was cautioned, "See that thou make all things according to the pattern shown thee in the mount." In his law God has given us a pattern. Our character-building is to be "after the pattern shown thee in the mount." The law is the great standard of righteousness. It represents the character of God, and is the test of our loyalty to his government. And it is revealed to us, in all its beauty and excellence, in the life of Christ.

The law is the detector of sin. We have inspired testimony upon this point. "For I was alive without the law once," Paul writes, "but when the commandment came [home to the conscience], sin revived, and I died. And the commandment, which was ordained unto life, I found to be unto death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived, and by it slew me." This is the work that the law will do for every soul who is living in sin. The law points out sin, condemns it, and sends the sinner to Christ for pardon and cleansing.

All, however fallen, however sin-stained, have the law as their guide, and his word as their instructor. They may be sanctified through the truth, and received as sons and daughters of the Most High. But "the carnal mind is enmity against the law of God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." The multitudes do not love righteousness, and they are building on the sand. Many who profess Christ do not love the law of God. If they dared they would speak out their enmity against it in no mild terms. They have a surface religion, and this is all that they desire.

There are many who attend church, and hear the truth spoken, but they have some pet indulgence which they will not give up—something which prevents them from judging candidly and wisely between the things of time and those of eternity. It makes little difference what this is,

so long as it separates the soul from God. We can make no selfish bargain with God; we can cling to no sin and retain his favor. Those who are building on the rock Christ Jesus will follow none of the pernicious practices of the worldly or of the world-loving church member, but will search the Bible for themselves. God has given men reasoning powers for this purpose, that they may weigh evidence, and decide what is truth. No man's assertions can be taken on trust. The question is, What does the Lord say? His "Thou shalt" and "Thou shalt not" must be obeyed.

Thoroughness is necessary to success in the work of character building. There must be an earnest purpose to carry out the plan of the Master-builder. The timbers used must be solid; and no careless, unreliable work can be accepted; it would ruin the building. The powers of the whole being are to be put into this work. It demands the strength and energy of manhood; there is no reserve to be wasted in unimportant matters. There must be earnest, careful, persevering effort to break away from the customs, maxims and associations of the world. Deep thought, earnest purpose, steadfast integrity, are essential.

There must be no idleness. Life is an important thing, a sacred trust, and every moment should be wisely improved; for its results will be seen in eternity. God requires each one to do all the good possible. The talents which he has entrusted to our keeping are to be made the most of. He has placed them in our hands to be used to his name's glory, and in the interest of our fellowmen.

The Lord has precious promises in this life for those who keep his law. He says, "My son, forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments: for length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the the tables of thine heart; so shalt thou find favor in the sight of God and man."

But a better than earthly reward awaits those who, basing their work on the solid rock, have built up symmetrical characters, in accordance with the living word. For them is prepared "a city that hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Its streets are paved with gold. In it is the paradise of God, watered by the river of life, which proceeds from the throne. In the midst of the street, and on either side of the river, is there the tree of life, which yields its fruit every month, "and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations."

Parents, teachers, students, remember that you are building for eternity. See that your foundation is sure; then build firmly, and with persistent effort, but in meekness, gentleness, love. So shall

your house stand unshaken, not only when the storms of temptation come, but when the overwhelming flood of God's wrath shall sweep over the world. Then every house built upon the sand will fall, and great will be the fall thereof, for the work is for eternity.

"Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe unto the wicked! It shall be ill with him; for the reward of his hands shall be given him."

A READING ON THE CANVASSING WORK

15. What is the result of the lack of energy in distributing our literature?

"Books that ought to be widely circulated are lying useless in our offices of publication, because there is not interest enough manifested to get them circulated."—Vol. IV, pp. 388, 389; 2 Peter 1:5-8.

16. Is the canvassing work of any importance?

"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the people, thus leading them to search the Scriptures."—Vol. IV, p. 390. "Our publications should have a wide circulation, for they are doing a great work."—Vol. I, p. 600. "The canvassing work is more important than many have regarded it."—Test. 32, p. 161. "The proper circulation and distribution of our publications is one of the most important branches of the present work. But little can be done without this."—Vol. I, p. 687.

17. What is the character of the canvassing work?

"The tract and missionary work is a good work. It is God's work. It should be in no way belittled."—Vol. IV, p. 603. "The work is a good one, the object high and elevating."—Test. 32, p. 161. "The canvasser is engaged in an honorable business."—Ib., p. 160.

18. What does the Lord desire us to do?

"God calls upon his people to act like men. . . . We must carry the publications to the people, and urge them to accept them, showing them they will receive much more than their money's worth. Exalt the value of the books you offer. You cannot regard them to highly."—Vol. IV, p. 392.

19. How should we get our canvassers?

"Our brethren should show discretion in selecting canvassers. . . . unless they have made up their minds to have the truth misrepresented and misapprehended."—Test. 32, p. 159; 2 Tim. 1:1, 2. "As much care and wisdom must be used in selecting the workers (canvassers) as in selecting men for the ministry."—Test. 32, p. 161.

20. Who should be selected for this work?

"Missionaries are wanted everywhere. In all parts of the world canvassers should be selected, not from the floating elements in society, nor from among men and women who are good for nothing else, and have made a success of nothing, but from those who have good address, keen foresight and ability. Such are needed to make a success as colporters, canvassers and agents."—Vol. IV, p. 390. "Men should be at work who are willing to be taught as to the best way of approaching individuals and families."—Ib., p. 391. "Those of the best talent and ability, who will take hold of the work understandingly, and who will carry it forward with persevering energy, are the ones who should be selected."—Ib., p. 380. "Let those come who can give a good report of our publications, because they appreciate

their value."—Test. 32, p. 162. "Let the self-denying and self-sacrificing, the lovers of God and humanity, join the great army of workers. Let them come, not expecting ease, but to be brave and of good courage under rebuffs and hardships."—Ib., p. 162. "Men and women are wanted now who are as true to duty as the needle to the pole—men and women who will work without having their way smoothed and every obstacle removed."—Gospel Workers, p. 352.

W. L. MANFULL.

[To be continued]

From the Field

Iowa Conference

CHURCH ORGANIZATION AT HAWARDEN

The writer visited Hawarden March 5-7, and organized a church of twenty members. The members of this new church are a united and happy company of believers, full of missionary zeal, and earnest in their determination to live up to all the light that comes to them through the Third Angel's Message. They are maintaining a church school with an attendance ranging from thirteen to fifteen pupils, and this school has done much to solidify the work which Sister Syp has been doing at that place the past nine months. Quite a number of others are deeply interested in the truth at Hawarden, and there is every prospect that this church will rapidly increase in membership. This organization is the result of very patient labor. Time and again it seemed as though the work was about to fall to pieces, but pluck and faith and hard work at last won out, and, by the blessing of God, Sister Syp had the satisfaction of seeing her labors crowned with exceptional success. Eleven were immersed in an improvised baptistry evening after the Sabbath, March 6. Others expect to go forward in the ordinance soon. A full corps of officers was elected Sunday, and for the first time in that city the ordinances of the Lord's house were engaged in.

We trust that this vine of the Lord's planting may become very fruitful, and that it may long stand as a witness for God. M. N. CAMPBELL.

STUART

I have just returned from a twelve-weeks' trip among the churches, and will make this report of my experience as a missionary director during this period. I make it a practice when I reach a church to look up the elder and missionary secretary, and find out as best I can the condition of the church, the supply of tracts on hand, the number of papers taken, and what the members of the church are doing in missionary lines. Then, according to the needs of the church and my ability, I go to work.

Usually there are one or two missionary lessons given, demonstrating that to be a Christian means to follow Christ in doing missionary work; and then to make the work practical I appeal to the church members to supply themselves with the materials necessary and go to work; endeavor to take subscriptions for our papers and to enlarge the clubs where they are already taking papers, and to see that the church is supplied with a good assortment of tracts. I have endeavored to instruct the people that mere talk will not save souls, but that we must follow the example of our Saviour in going about doing good.

My report for the twelve weeks is as follows: 25 missionary lessons, 129 visits, 27 Bible readings. During these meetings thirteen persons have professed conversion. Eleven of these were from among the young people, the other two were adults, one of whom is keeping the Sabbath for the first time. Twelve of these have joined the church subject to baptism. Forty-seven papers were given away, also 225 pages of tracts, and 2,400 pages of tracts were sold. Books were sold to the value of \$155. Thirty-eight subscriptions were taken for our periodicals. I have also received sums of money on different funds to be transferred to the conference office. Some of our small companies were hindered in donations and in their missionary work by the crops not being good last year. In some places the crops were a complete failure.

I am grateful for the blessing of the Lord that has attended my efforts, and I rejoice that I am privileged to have part with him in giving this message.

JOHN MANUEL, District No. 3.

IOWA NOTES

Meetings will soon be opened in Davenport in the building used by the church. Elder Clemens and his corps of workers have faithfully canvassed this territory with the "Family Bible Teacher" and now believe the time has come to conduct a course of meetings. The petition work has created quite a stir in Davenport.

It has been planned for Elder Burke to do some work at Waukon in the near future. This is one of the oldest churches in the Iowa conference, and is noted for having given to the cause such men as Elders C. A. Washburn, G. I. Butler and E. W. Farnsworth. Elder J. N. Andrews was at one time a member of this church.

The Iowa Sunday bill was discussed before the legislative committee Wednesday afternoon. Elders Campbell and Parkhurst were present to oppose the measure. Many petitions have been forwarded to representatives of the different districts, and it is hoped that this proposed legislation will be defeated.

The missionary report for the year ending December 31, 1908, shows that some good work has been done by the members of the churches. A large number of periodicals and tracts have been distributed, Bible readings and cottage meetings held, and subscriptions taken for periodicals.

Brother John Manuel, director of District No. 3, presents

an excellent report of his twelve weeks' work among the churches of his district. Practical missionary meetings were held, and no doubt an increased interest will be manifested in work with our publications as a result.

Brother Hollingsworth has had promises of two horses and buggies to be used by young ladies while canvassing in the country this summer. This is not quite satisfactory, as there will probably be twelve young ladies to provide for. Who will respond to this call for help?

Since Brother and Sister Hawkins have been in Muscatine about seventy persons have embraced the truth and united with the church. These are of a fine class of people, and many of them have given up good positions in order to obey the truth.

Brother Glen Shelton delivered \$283.25 worth of books in his last delivery, and this seems to indicate that business is good in the territory in which he is working. This canvasser has doubtless solved the problem of winter canvassing.

During the last nine months of 1908 more than 150 persons have accepted the truth under instruction from the laborers of the Iowa conference. Elder Campbell reports the work as onward and encouraging.

South Dakota Conference

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Of South Dakota Conference and Tract Society
for year ending December 31, 1908.

CASH REPORT

	Received	Paid Out
Tithe.....	21,378 86	19,930 92
Individuals.....	8,256 67	2,963 25
Societies.....	400 04	
Weekly Offerings.....	217 08	217 08
Foreign Missions.....	2,180 60	2,181 67
Sabbath school donations.....	1,492 26	1,490 29
Annual Offerings.....	575 65	575 65
Midsummer Offerings.....	245 35	245 35
Thanksgiving Ingathering.....	891 10	891 10
Africa.....	21 90	21 90
G. F. Enoch India fund.....	247 00	247 00
India.....	569 62	569 62
F. L. Perry, Peru.....	6 04	6 04
Peru.....	14 35	14 35
Alberta school.....	2 00	2 00
Scandinavian mission, Abyssinia.....	55 00	55 00
Spanish Honduras.....	20 50	20 50
G. C. \$150,000 fund.....	720 35	1,458 83
G. C. \$100,000 fund.....	5 00	5 00
Southern work.....	26 91	26 91
Colored work.....	292 53	292 53
Gen. Conf. Rel. Lib. fund.....	100 38	100 38
So. Conf. Assn., (San.).....	5 00	5 00
Missionary Acre fund.....	10 00	10 00
Work for the blind.....	7 50	7 50
Prof. Magan's work.....	4 50	4 50
Jewish mission.....	8 00	8 00
Deaf and Dumb work.....	37 57	37 57
Swedish literature fund.....	27 00	27 00
Evangelists Sendebud.....	108 25	108 25
Southern Missionary Society.....	30	30
Sions Vaktare.....	5 00	5 00
Danish mission fund.....	85 00	85 00
German mission fund.....	104 23	104 23
S. Mortensen.....	10 75	10 75

S. D. Conference Association.....	3,525 50	5,230 00	La Delle.....	501 60
Educational fund.....	474 26	361 26	Lake Preston.....	119 97
Relief fund.....	609 99	591 50	Long Lake.....	45 60
Canvassers' fund.....	196 00	125 41	Madison.....	83 25
South Dakota misc. mission fund.....	551 00	50 00	Milbank.....	169 20
Tent fund.....	1,046 77	1,059 05	Milltown.....	641 20
Children's tent fund.....	121 55	12	Montrose.....	374 61
State tract fund.....	17 93		Parker.....	185 24
Elk Point Academy account.....	139 93		Sioux Falls.....	905 82
Elk Point Academy donation account...	15 50	15 50	Spring Valley.....	3 50
Elk Point Academy furnace plant.....	16 50	16 50	Sunnyside.....	219 22
South Dakota Religious Liberty fund....		70	Sutley.....	657 50
Missionary Volunteer department.....	95	95	Swan Lake.....	691 85
Chamberlain sanitarium.....	8 00		Tolstoy.....	169 92
Property.....	82 00	37 50	Vitorg.....	244 85
Merchandise—cash sales.....	865 20		Webster.....	919 98
Periodicals.....	195 07	7 50	Westford.....	132 00
Pacific Press, Kansas City.....		3,530 00	Woonsocket.....	189 93
Pacific Press, Cal.....		200 00	Paid to	
Review and Herald.....		200 00	Conference laborers.....	\$13,221 55
International Publishing Association.....		110 00	Northern Union Conference tithe.....	2,137 72
Southern Publishing Association.....		50 00	Second tithe to General Conference....	1,923 94
Bible houses.....		211 35	E. G. Hayes (Kentucky).....	327 25
Health food dealers.....		24 55	F. L. Perry (Peru).....	694 11
Misc. publishers and dealers.....		146 97	W. R. Smith, Korea.....	339 46
Postage and Telegrams.....		174 48	Chas. Scholl, Pennsylvania.....	390 79
Express.....		31 02	Alberta.....	327 07
Freight.....		60 17	Tent for Kentucky.....	120 00
Drayage.....		12 49	German laborer for Baltimore.....	350 00
Exchange.....		4 40	Expense (First half of year).....	49 03
Telephone.....		21 60	Balance January 1, 1908.....	4,113 65
Insurance.....		31 00	Balance January 1, 1909.....	5,561 59
Coal.....		26 00		
Gas.....		7 52	Totals.....	\$25,442 51 \$25,442 51
Stationery.....		18 00		
Box rent.....		2 00		
Lodging of bookmen and board auditor..		13 30		
Loss and gain, (an old account).....	7 00			
Cash on hand January 1, 1908.....	5,907 32			
Cash on hand January 1, 1909.....		7,813 40		
Totals.....	\$51,912 76	\$51,912 76		

ANNUAL TITHE REPORT

From	Received	Paid Out
Aberdeen.....	\$860 43	
Alexandria.....	233 66	
Artesian.....	152 09	
Ash Grove.....	90 85	
Big Springs.....	595 30	
Bowdle.....	3,312 50	
Bridgewater.....	2,979 87	
Britton.....	234 77	
Canton.....	50	
Chamberlain.....	494 48	
Cottonwood Grove.....	831 03	
Cresbard.....	186 34	
Dell Rapids.....	61 15	
Elk Point.....	848 41	
Ellsworth.....	655 23	
Florence.....	836 65	
Ft. Pierre.....	50 00	
Glenham.....	678 50	
Gregory.....	32 71	
Highmore.....	292 19	
Hudson.....	4 77	
Huron.....	537 06	
Individuals.....	1,105 13	

FINANCIAL STANDING	
Due from	Resources
Societies on account.....	65 95
Individuals on account.....	892 59
Publishers on account.....	159 06
State tract fund.....	2 53
Canvassers' fund.....	119 88
South Dakota Conference Association..	2,069 90
Merchandise on hand.....	2,425 58
Property.....	2,520 45
Cash on hand.....	7,813 40
Payable to	Liabilities
Societies on account.....	9 75
Individuals on account.....	776 29
Publishers on account.....	44 51
Tithe fund.....	5,561 59
Educational fund.....	203 95
Relief fund.....	518 04
Tent fund.....	130 91
South Dakota misc. mission fund.....	615 89
South Dakota Religious Liberty fund..	76 84
Balance (Present worth).....	8,131 56
Totals.....	\$16,069 33 \$16,069 33

G. W. STILSON, Treasurer.

Minnesota Conference

THE VALUE OF A TENT FLY

In the issue of the REAPER of March 2 Elder Jackson raised the question I propounded to the

campers at Minneapolis one morning last June, after a large number of them had been more or less drenched by a heavy rain, as a result of occupying tents without flies. Long ago I came to the conclusion that no family tent should be erected upon a camp ground unless it could be protected by a good fly. The safety and comfort of the family demand this. Tents without flies will not properly protect those who use them. A fly not only protects from the rain and from the heat of the sun, but it preserves the tent so as to make it twice as durable. Hence it is an economical investment, as it does not cost more than one-third of the price of the tent. Persons have frequently experienced inconvenience and suffering, and have contracted diseases from becoming wet or from being exposed to excessive heat, because the tent occupied was not properly protected with a fly. These experiences might all be avoided.

A large number of the congregation, referred to by Elder Jackson, the morning I presented the question, requested by vote that the conference committee furnish flies for the tents for the next campmeeting. Of course it was not intended that the committee should furnish the money to pay for them. This is up to the people, including the officers of the conference. Everyone should have some part in this. Some may give 25 cents, others 50 cents, others \$1, while others may give \$5 or more, to raise the \$700. It means not far from 50 cents a member throughout the conference. Why should not elders and leaders of companies take this matter up and raise the money? Send in your contributions, so that the conference committee may have no further excuse for pitching tents without flies. Besides the benefits already indicated and the comfort of the camp, if this is done, industrial work will be provided for the students at Maplewood Academy, which will be a blessing to the students. I hope Brother Jackson's suggestion will be immediately acted on.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

HOW OUR BOOKS ARE STUDIED

I was canvassing a man in Anoka for "Bible Readings" the other day, and when partly through with my description, he made the following remarks: "You need not go further with your description. I know what you people believe. I have been reading your books and tracts for a long time, and have a number of them in my house at the present time. I believe everything you people teach (except your views on the Sabbath) as far as I have studied it. It has taken me thirty years to accept it, but I had to do it. As to the Sabbath question, I have studied it carefully, and find no

THE BOOK WORK

MINNESOTA—TWO WEEKS ENDING MARCH 6

Name	Hrs	Ords	Helps	Total	Del'd
Coming King					
Olga Hermanson	37	22		44 00	
Totals,	37	22		\$44 00	

authority for keeping Sunday; but I don't believe it makes any difference which day a man keeps." He stated further that he had received no light to speak of except what he had gotten from our publications.

We conversed on some points of our faith, such as, the state of the dead, the millennium, the fate of the transgressor. He was very clear on these subjects.

He said he did not understand the prophecies, but he had "Daniel and the Revelation" in the house and was studying it. He is recognized as the best Bible student in the city. He is a man of means, and is at present a real estate agent. This illustrates the influence of our literature in the homes of the people. The spirit of God has led this man thus far, and when the proper time comes he will also accept the Sabbath. Let us be faithful in the distribution of our literature. Put in the books, tracts and periodicals in the homes of the people, and the Lord himself will take care of the results.

F. W. WEATHERBY.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT

Following is the conference Sabbath school report for quarter ending December 31, 1908:

Number of organized schools	79
Number of schools not heard from.....	1
Membership in organized schools.....	1,893
Average attendance for quarter.....	1,354
Number of classes.....	262
Senior division.....	922
Junior division.....	240
Intermediate division.....	284
Primary division.....	278
Kindergarten division.....	125
Local Home department.....	44
Donations	\$625 29
Amount used for expenses.....	54 97
Amount not accounted for, must go in expense column	4 83
Given to missions	565 49
Schools in State Home department.....	79
Membership in State Home department.....	223
Donations (all for missions).....	73 71
Total Sabbath school membership.....	2,116
Total donations.....	\$699 00
Total given to missions.....	639 20

It is encouraging to note that only five schools had to be written to the second time for the reports, and all but one have now been heard from. This faithfulness and promptness on the part of the Sabbath school secretaries is much appreciated.

The total donations to missions for the year 1908 amounted to \$2,458.76 which is the best it has been for many years. ELLA E. MERICKEL.

North Dakota Conference

SHEYENNE RIVER ACADEMY NOTES

Sunday, March 7, the students gave an entertainment, strictly musical. It was well rendered and was seemingly enjoyed by all. Some of the townspeople and neighbors were in attendance, who expressed themselves much pleased with the program and invited the students to give an entertainment in town.

Professor Lamson visited the academy Sabbath and Sunday and gave some interesting and instructive talks to the whole school. It is a treat to see a union conference man come this way. Come again.

Brother Payne was with us a few days. He speaks hopeful of the canvassing work and expects a goodly number of canvassers here for the institute.

Brother Reiber happened along in time to take in that musical. All were glad to see his pleasant face again.

Elders Rhoads and Neilsen visited the school, and were in time for the entertainment also.

NORTH DAKOTA NOTES

Elder Kunkel visited Jamestown last week, where new officers for the church were chosen and ordained. At the same time he looked for a location for our coming camp-meeting, and speaks hopeful of securing a fine park for this meeting. He hopes to be able to report his success in the next issue of the REAPER.

The sad news reached us that Elder Wagner was badly burned from a lamp explosion at a Kulm hotel. A brother near there took him to the Chamberlain sanitarium. We can not give any details but hope and pray that nothing serious may follow.

Have you ordered your "General Conference Bulletin"? Remember 50 cents will bring its daily visits to your home laden with the reports of the most important meeting ever held by our people. If you have not attended to it, do it now.

The infant child of Brother and Sister Seimons, of Rosehill, died last week. Brother Haak answered the call to preach the funeral sermon. The short visit to that young company was much appreciated.

Elder C. J. Kunkel spent last Sabbath and Sunday with the church at Pollock. The station is in South Dakota, but the church seems to be in Elder Kunkel's jurisdiction.

Elder Rhoads has gone to Leonard to hold some meetings, and as some interest is manifested there we hope some souls will be gathered out for the heavenly garner.

From Chamberlain comes the news that Sister Kunkel is improving in health, but the doctor says she will have to remain in the sanitarium about six weeks.

Sister Leer, who has been very ill, is slowly getting better. Elder Leer has been kept at home most of the winter.

Brother and Sister Hickock, of Gerber, visited with their children Brother and Sister Haak, recently.

Elder Specht reports some improvement healthwise. He is still with his brother in western Kansas.

The new tents have been ordered. Have you done your duty toward helping to pay for them?

SPECIAL NOTICE

WE desire every individual who has occasion to address the union conference officers to take notice that the office is at 2718 Third Avenue, South, not 2718 Third Street or Third Street, South, and that Professor Lamson's address is 2800 Third Avenue, South, not 2800 Third Street, South. Minneapolis has a peculiar way of numbering and naming its streets. They say here, "Third Avenue, South," but if it is a street they put the "South" first and say "South Third Street." Now 2718 South Third Street, is three and a half or four miles from 2718 Third Avenue, South. Letters are delayed from twenty-four to forty-eight hours by being incorrectly addressed, as the delivery which comes to 2718 Third Avenue, South, is brought to the Lyndale Avenue Station and from there delivered by carrier. If all will heed this notice and be sure to use the word "avenue" instead of "street," correspondence will not be delayed.

EIGHTH GRADE EXAMINATIONS

Eighth grade examination lists are now ready in geography, United States history, physiology, grammar, arithmetic, reading, spelling and penmanship. Bible list will be furnished on the book of Acts only.

Teachers desiring to conduct tests in any of these subjects should write immediately, naming the subjects desired.

Teachers who have already sent in requests, who do not get returns by March 18, should repeat their requests, as the mail may have miscarried. Teachers should study the directions sent and strictly follow the rules promulgated.

J. G. LAMSON.

Church schools are beginning to feel the touch of spring work. The academies all report the commencement of the outflow. We are sorry our boys are not able to get the full year's work in the school.

Professor Lamson spoke at the Minneapolis (English) church Sabbath. The theme was "Faith," and the simplicity of God's plan of giving it to his children.

Three more church schools in South Dakota close this month, after successful winter terms.

WANTED—Skilled carpenters, early in April, at the Chamberlain sanitarium, to put up wing and house; none but competent men need apply; work will last all summer, as we will put up a large addition as well as barn and house. Address C. P. Farnsworth, Chamberlain, S. D.

FOR SALE—Good land for \$10 an acre and up, on the Missouri river slope, in Morton and Oliver counties North Dakota; in good growing community. Write at once for particulars to H. G. Burgeson, Jamestown, N. D.

FOR SALE—One-half section of rich Red river land, situated in Kittson county, Minn. For particulars write to J. G. Walker, Box 1, Harvey, N. D.

FOR RENT—A farm of 110 acres, with stock, machinery and household furniture. Address J. W. Hahn, Ellendale, Minn., r. No. 1.

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EXCELLENT missionary reports have been sent in by workers in different parts of the union. These reports tell of books sold, periodicals and tracts sold and given away, cottage meetings held and missionary visits made. A good, healthy missionary spirit seems to be taking possession of individuals, and the reports show that good work is being done in different localities. This means also that the churches to which these individuals belong are taking on additional life, and that we may expect to hear of more good work as other members become imbued with the same desire to save souls for Christ's kingdom.

THE *Signs of the Times* Monthly for April will present a veritable "feast of good things." One of the special themes will be that of the Resurrection. The cover design is in harmony with this theme, being a reproduction of one of Plockhorst's masterpieces, entitled, "The Morning of the Resurrection," showing Mary kneeling at the feet of Jesus on that memorable morning before his ascension to his Father. A number of special articles have been prepared by some of the best writers of the denomination, and these will be presented in this issue. This will be an unusually good number.

A REPORT from Des Moines, concerning the hearing before the legislative committee of those favorable and those opposed to the proposed new Sunday law, stated that the opponents to the measure have seemingly gained a victory. The ministers and others who were urging the adoption of the bill became so angry because they were not especially favored in precedence and time that they hurt their own cause. The chairman of the com-

mittee was compelled to use some emphatic language in order to keep the hearing within his control.

THE educational feature of the temperance campaign has proved to be one of the most effective means of furthering the temperance cause. As a part of this educational work, the Temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor* has been issued, with the hope that the friends of temperance will place it in the hands of the pupils of every public school and reformatory in our land. It would be well also to give every prisoner the opportunity of reading it.

A NEW quarterly periodical is soon to be issued from the office of the *Review and Herald* to be entitled *The Protestant Magazine*. This new publication will appeal very strongly to all who are interested, especially to our ministers, teachers and Bible workers who wish to keep themselves informed regarding the truths of true Protestantism, ancient and modern. The subscription price will be 25 cents a year.

THE *General Conference Bulletin* will be the most interesting publication issued by the denomination from May 13 to June 6 and later. A copy of the *Bulletin* should go into every Seventh-day Adventist home in the United States. The price is fifty cents for the entire time. Send orders to the tract society.

THOSE who have seen the March number of the *Watchman* are highly pleased with it. One conference president, upon getting a copy of this paper, immediately wrote a letter to all the churches in his field, urging the members to improve the special opportunity afforded in the distribution of this number.

It is suggested that Sabbath school superintendents make preparation for the Sabbath school program for March 27, as outlined in the March *Sabbath School Worker*. Appoint someone to prepare papers on the topics suggested in the program, and make the exercise as interesting as possible.

THE cover design of the March *Life and Health* is a beautiful one, and any one of the nine leading articles is well worth the amount asked for the magazine. There are now over one thousand agents selling this publication.

PROF. J. G. LAMSON returned Monday of last week from a visit to North Dakota where he had gone in the interest of the educational work. He reports having spent three very pleasant days at the academy.